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PATENT
Docket No. PD-201148
CUSTOMER NO.: 020991

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE,

In re Application of: Ernest C. Chen, et al.

Serial No. : 10/068,039

Filed: February 5, 2002

For: PROCESSING SIGNAL LAYERS IN A LAYERED
MODULATION DIGITAL SIGNAL SYSTEM TO USE
LEGACY RECEIVERS

Date: July 18, 2005

Group Art Unit: 2631

Examiner: Juan A. Torres

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

 No additional fee for claims is required.

X The Fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	minus	30*	=	0 x \$ 50.00	\$	-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	minus	3**	=	2 x \$ 200.00	\$	400.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0 + \$ 360.00	\$	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$	<u>400.00</u>

Charge \$ 400.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formally Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the correspondence identified above is being filed via First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 18, 2005.

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** If less than 3, insert 3